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SUBJECT: 10TH QUARTERLY MEETING OF US/RP CRIMINAL JURISDICTION
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

1. THE 10TH QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE US/RP CRIMINAL JURISDICTION
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE AT THE
PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON 11 FEB 1975. REQUEST
SUBIC AND CLARK LEGAL AUTHORITIES PROVIDE AGENDA ITEMS BY COB
4 FEB 1975.

2. GOP HAS REQUESTED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT OFFICIAL DUTY CASE
OF THOMAS, ET AL, (CLARK), BE DISCUSSED AND REVIEW THE OFFICIAL
DUTY CASES OF JOHNSON (WALLACE), ROUTSON (CLARK) AND AUBUCHON, ET AL.

3. EMB AND JUSTICE DEPT HAVE AGREED THAT MEDIA WILL BE ALLOWED TO
COVER OPENING OF MEETING AT WHICH TIME CO-CHAIRMEN WILL MAKE
APPROPRIATE GENERAL REMARKS DIRECTED MAINLY AT NATURE AND
FUNCTION OF COMMITTEE.

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4. IN CLOSED SESSION, FIRST MATTER OF BUSINESS WILL BE TO

REVIEW CRIMINAL JURISDICTION ACTIVITY OF CALENDAR YEAR 1974. REQUEST SUBIC AND CLARK PROVIDE EMB WITH THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS: TOTAL NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES FOR WHICH SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIANS WERE PUT IN INTERNATIONAL HOLD WITH CIVILIAN CASES LISTED SEPARATELY; NUMBER OF OFFICIAL DUTY CERTIFICATES ISSUED AND INTER SE ASSERTIONS MADE; NUMBER OF TOTAL CASES INVOLVING VEHICULAR INCIDENTS AND NUMBER OF "SERIOUS" FELONY OFFENSES, E.I.E., RAPE, MURDER, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, HARD DRUG CASES. RELIZE THIS LATTER IS RATHER SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA BUT BELIEVE BY ATTEMPTING TO SEPARATE OUT VEHICLE AND "SERIOUS" FELONY CASES WILL GIVE DEPT OF JUSTICE BETTER APPRECIATION OF TRUE NATURE OF EXERCISE OF CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER U.S. FORCES, EMB WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS DURING CALENDAR YEAR AND NUMBER THAT RECEIVED CONFINEMENT AS PART OF SENTENCE.

5. EVENING OF 10 FEB 1975, THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION TO ALLOW SENIOR U. S. MILITARY LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHER JAG OFFICERS HANDLING INTERNATIONAL LAW PROBLEMS TO MEET DEPT OF JUSTICE SENIOR OFFICIALS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF LEGAL COMMUNITY IN MANILA AREA. DETAILS OF THIS FUNCTION WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY.

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